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In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: 3633  
Raymond Spivey ) Examiner: Kenneth Nolan  
Serial No.: 09/451,050 )  
Filed: 01/09/2001 ) Attorney Docket: 7148  
For: Carton With Improved )  
Dispensing Feature. )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT GROUP 3600

As an preliminary step in the above Continued Prosecution Application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel allowed claims 1-12.

Please substitute the following amended and new claims 1-15. A marked up copy of these claims showing changes made is provided in attachment Appendix A.

1. An enclosed carton for carrying a plurality of containers in two rows, with a top and a bottom row, with each container having a diameter, the carton having two ends, at least one of which is an exiting end capable of permitting containers to exit the carton one at a time, the carton comprising:

- a. a bottom panel, top panel and foldably attached adjoining side panels;
- b. said exiting end having a bottom end flap with a height that is significantly